

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 403

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to recognize Melville Bailey on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Melville Bailey, Principal of Mooresburg Elementary School, is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-five years with the Hawkins County School System; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bailey will be taking a much deserved retirement on June 4, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the son of Mary Cook and the late Earl Bailey, Melville Bailey was joined in holy matrimony to Diane Bell in 1979; and

WHEREAS, he received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tennessee and matriculated to East Tennessee State University, from which institution he earned his Master of Education degree and his Educational Specialist degree; and

WHEREAS, in beginning his thirty-five year career within the Hawkins County School System, Mr. Bailey taught fourth and fifth grade at Rock Hill from 1975 until 1981, before teaching eighth grade science at Rogersville Middle School from 1981 until 1987; and

WHEREAS, a natural leader who inspires those around him, Melville Bailey became the principal of Clinch School, serving from 1987 until 1994; and

WHEREAS, from 1994 until 2009, Mr. Bailey dedicated his time and many talents to the role of principal of Mooresburg High School, where his deep appreciation for those around him and unwavering commitment to excellence won him the respect and admiration of the students, teachers, and parents alike; and

WHEREAS, his many academic accomplishments aside, Melville Bailey is perhaps proudest of the love and support he shares with his wife and his daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Daniel McMillian; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bailey is also the proud brother and brother-in-law of Dr. Reba Bailey and Lorie and Kenny Keck, and the uncle of Noah, Elijah, Olivia, Haven, and Natalie; and

WHEREAS, in honor of Mr. Bailey's retirement, his students, co-workers, and community are hosting a retirement reception in his honor on Friday, May 1, 2009, at Mooresburg Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Melville Bailey exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Melville Bailey our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors and thank him for his tireless and unwavering dedication to providing Tennessee's youth with the highest quality of educational experiences throughout his long career.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.